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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1908.

A PROPOSITION FOR THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Reference was made in yesterday's issue to the laudable efforts which are being put forth by old China hands in London to induce the rising generation of British merchants in the Far East to acquire a working knowledge of the Chinese language. As most of us are aware, indeed as most of us know from personal experience, the journey from England to China is brightened by the rosy glamour of magnificent ideals, principal among which is the determination to learn the Chinese language so that we may speak to the native as a man and a brother. Some of the newcomers to China manage for a time to live up to their original aspirations, but the enervating air of the Orient eventually works its way into the system and another slab is added to pave the nether regions. If it were possible, however, for those who are ambitious to learn at least a smattering of the language in the company of their fellows there cannot be the slightest doubt, in our opinion, that many an earnest assistant would be induced to attend the classes promoted, while even the flippant and rapid idler would find it worth his while to give over his variety for a space. In Hongkong we have all sorts of fine ideas for benefiting the young. We have evening classes which are run at a dead loss to the community; we hear of a projected university which will also add to the burden of the Colony's taxation; there is a medical school which turns out an average of two or three qualified dispensers and assistant physicians every year, and it also has to be supported by the Government which is another name for the long-suffering householder. But nothing is done, or suggested, for the benefit of the future commercial men of Hongkong, in the way of affording them an opportunity of acquiring even a colloquial knowledge of Chinese. It is all very well to say that the really anxious student will equip himself with Chinese grammars, Chinese lexicons and an assortment of Chinese dictionaries, and that he will sit down in his lonely verandah and plod through meaningless deserts, along shadowy tracks, and through unknown fastnesses simply by force of innate enthusiasm. Certainly there are people who can do that sort of thing, but they are few and far between.

We read of students who have learned all they know by the alms of a 'pearl ore' and of savants whose ability to speak in a dozen tongues has been won by sheer doggedness. But most of these ancients have passed away to their long rest. There are mighty few of them alive to-day. What we believe in at the present time is competition, whether it be in learning a language or selling an automobile. Why then should there be no opportunity given to those who wish to have a working knowledge of the Chinese language to attain that end? It may be suggested that the young Britishers who come out to the Far East should attend the evening classes, otherwise known by the grandiloquent title of the Hongkong Technical Institute. But is it to be expected that the smart young Englishman or Scotsman will consent to take his place alongside a pack of schoolboys and reduce himself to the level of the first standard? All pride and ridiculous grandeur it will be said. It may be so, but how would a student, who has presumably arrived at the years of discretion, feel if he were "called down" by an irascible teacher in front of a class of youths because his quantities were false and his accent absurd? It may then be argued that the Y.M.C.A. should take the matter in hand. Well, the Y.M.C.A. may be a very useful and even valuable institution where every prospect pleases and not even man is vile, but there are a good many people who are not enamoured of the ways and doings of the Y.M.C.A., who object to the little-tattle that goes on there, the cliques which is said to abound, and the spirit of self-glorification which is believed to hang around the place. The fact of the matter is, that if such classes as those inaugurated in London and operating in Japan were started in Hongkong they should be held either under the aegis of the Chamber of Commerce or the local branch of the China Association, and admission should be confined to British and European mercantile assistants who should have to pay a fee sufficient to cover all expenses, so that the ratepayers would not be required to contribute a single copper. It will be said, perhaps, that this is another form of class distinction, but we maintain it is not. The youth of the Colony, born and bred in the Colony, have their schools and institutes and what not. The Government officials have their special allowances and opportunities for learning the language of the country. The police and the Sanitary inspectors are encouraged to devote their spare time to the acquisition of Chinese, by the promise of monetary rewards, and nearly every class, except the ordinary "clerk-in-the-office," is provided for. And, when all is said and done, the future, the commercial prosperity of the Colony, depends on the acquirements of the next generation of merchants. Let us suppose for a moment that the Chamber of Commerce took up the matter. Is there a member so poor or so narrow-minded and short-sighted that he would not of his own private resources help forward such a class should the fees fail to reach a satisfactory figure at the outset? Would it not be, for his own benefit, or for the benefit of the firm he represents, that his European juniors should be capable of transacting the business of the firm with the Chinese customers at first hand, instead of through an intermediary who generally fails to comprehend half the significance of the questions and answers he is called upon to interpret? It would not be necessary for any magnanimous and public-spirited individual to scatter his thousands in promoting such a scheme. Indeed, the advent of the philanthropist would be a distinct nuisance, a blunder and perhaps a catastrophe. The students should be able to fix up matters for themselves—pay a moderate fee (about as much as one pays for an occasional lunch trip) and keep things going in a real spirit of camaraderie. As a matter of fact, the class or classes should partake of the nature of a club, the open sesame being the desire to learn Chinese. What distinction could be alleged against it in such a case? To give a sordid illustration: every first-class hotel has a private room for those who are technically known as gentlemen; there all meet on an equality, and, curiously enough, none but that special class seeks to invade the semi-sanctity of its precincts. Such a class or club as we have described would be on exactly the same lines. And now let us see how the representative of the British Association of Japan regards the scheme of educating Britishers in the vernacular. Speaking at the dinner of the China Association last month, Mr. Sale remarked that no better commencement can be made, by the envoys of our commerce, towards acquiring a facility for accommodation to new circumstances, an insight into local conditions, an access to the minds and hearts of the people among whom they trade, than by securing a knowledge of their language. The Japan branch, recognising the importance of this fact, has prepared a scheme covering a course of study, divided into six stages, successfully passed. These certificates are not only proofs of knowledge, but undeniable evidences of earnestness and industry. So far Mr. Sale. We ought to suggest that now Mr. Hewitt has buckled on his business armour he might give a thought to the idea of establishing a language class under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce.

FOIBLES OF THE FAIR SEX.

How is it, we wonder, that the average man, that is to say one who is neither a fop nor a cheap imitation of a tailor's dummy, takes such an absorbing interest in cases which arise over questions concerning ladies' millinery? Let such a case be reported, and if you notice they are always reported at length, usually because the reporters are of the male sex and for once in a while combine duty with pleasure—let there be such a case brought into Court and we are all entertained with details about ruffs and ruffles, passementerie and chiffon, waist lengths and fichus, pleats, plate, and platters and other words to the same effect. Few of those belonging to the masculine gender have the very faintest idea what all these strange bizarre things imply, but let the question arise as to the merits of a director's compared with a princess and the most respectable smoking-room will become a sort of rogues' parliament. Perhaps it is the mystery which surrounds the top-dressing of the ladies that excites the curiosity of the male being. It has been recorded, by one of the sex, that a lady can wrap herself up in seven different rolls of cloth variously put together, and yet look like a sylph. If a man puts on a single winter waistcoat he stands forth as a second edition of a London alderman, and all his friends consider it their duty to make nasty remarks on his appearance. Give the average man a fancy pair of boots, a red vest, a velvet coat and a pair of three button gloves and you can realise what a criminal looks like when he is on the march to the scaffold. Not so the gentle sex, whose tricks and charms are never seen to greater advantage than when they have rifled a millinery store. What with lace here and flummery there, and side-kicks at nothing and sweeping of street garbage, they resemble mostly a mass of ethereal stuff, which it is highly dangerous to touch. The man looks on in amazement and has grave doubts about Solomon's glory, incidentally wondering what the Queen of Sheba wore when she was doing the fascinating act. But let that same nymph, all string and tinsel, and tacks, discover that there is a joint loose somewhere and then the *entente cordiale* is at an end. As it is, a woman getting into her toggery requires the assistance of ten qualified experts, including the cat—as those men who are taking their better halves to the St. Andrew's Ball on Monday will find out—and she must have the absolute run of a ten-acre park in order to pick up the scattered hairpins. The poor male creature may find himself relegated to a cellar with a collar a size too small and no studs, but he can only grow purple and vent his anger on the sympathetic dog. Fancy that man having once encased himself in his blacks, marching off to the tailor, yelling out vituperative epithets and dragging him by the hair of the head in front of the nearest magistrate, simply because there was a gusset or something where it should not be. He couldn't do it—not for an old-age pension and a race dinner combined. But the lady, she will have her rights and who can blame her? The joke is that all ladies are beautiful whether the Valenciennes is in order or not, but they won't believe it, whereas no man feels respectable unless he is dressed like a vagabond. And so the lady goes to Court, with the tailor in tow and the miserable magistrate is told all about it—and we can only hope he understands the secret of the trouble. In a case which occurred the other day—a Hongkong lady ordered two dresses—one fitted her, the other didn't. Mr. Justice Gompertz had the pleasure of hearing the arguments *pro* and *con* and we fancy they were mostly *con*, because the lady was the defendant, having refused to pay for the dress that couldn't fit. Now, we anxiously read that report, hoping that the Court would order the lady, in a friendly spirit, to "assume" the misfit garment or garments. But Mr. Gompertz has no moral backbone apparently; he quailed at the prospect of suggesting that the lady should disfigure herself by wearing a misfit. The dramatic instinct is sadly lacking in our only puisne judge; if only Mr. Mowbray Northcote had been there with a committee of ladies from the "Country Girl" and as a set-off a few of the pleaders attached to the Christian Science Society and a couple of female American missionaries what a time we should have had. But it is not yet too late. So far as we can make out, the tailor has to make good his defects and then next Friday the Supreme Court is to be turned into a Parisian *salon*. If that is to be the case well and good, but if Mr. Gompertz thinks he can take the contending parties into his own room and gaze on the witchery of the Chinese tailor's art, enhanced by the defendant's "carriage," then there will be ructions, not to say squalls. The performance must take place in open court, and the hour should be advertised for the benefit of the down-trodden proletariat who seldom gets a treat for nothing.

Business at the Police Court, to-day was extremely slack for this time of the year and the few cases that came on for hearing were of no public interest.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The French mail of the 27th October was delivered in London on the 17th inst.

ANOTHER serious bank failure occurred in Peking last week when a draft bank stopped payment. It is reported that the Chinese Government is the heaviest loser.

A FIRE broke out at No. 35, Chiu Loong Street, this morning and damage done to the extent of \$100. We are not in a position to state whether or not the house was covered by insurance.

A STUDENT belonging to one of the Government schools in Peking has been arrested for spreading insidious rumours. The student will be brought before the Court of Cassation some time this week.

AMUKDEN dispatch to the *Asahi* states that a notification has been issued by the Viceroy announcing that the cultivation of opium will be prohibited in the three Eastern Provinces after next year.

AMONG the passengers who left for Shanghai by the s.s. *Nippon Maru* to-day was Capt. P. Mitchell Taylor, the popular A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis.

IN connection with the A. D. C.'s performances of *A Country Girl*, we are requested to state that all persons who have booked seats for any of the performances should take their tickets at the earliest convenience.

It is reported that Mr. Koike, Japanese Consul-General at San Francisco, is to be transferred to Mukden, and that Mr. Hanabara, Second Secretary in the Japanese Embassy in Washington, will succeed to the post vacated.

STEPHEN Wootton Bushell, C.M.G., (64), of Ravensholt, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex, formerly house surgeon at Guy's Hospital, and physician to the British Legation at Peking from 1868-99, left estate valued at £11,722.

His Majesty the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to Ordinance No. 12 of 1908, entitled An Ordinance to provide for the registration of chemists and druggists and to regulate the sale of poisons.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. R. O. Hutchison to act as Head of the Sanitary Department, and Mr. A. E. Wood to act as Assistant Registrar General and Deputy Registrar of Marriages, with effect from 24th Nov. until further notice.

A LARGE wet dock of the Yokohama Dock Company, which had been in course of construction since May 1906, has been completed and is expected to be opened by the middle of next month. This will, it is understood, be the largest dock in Japan.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor has been pleased to appoint Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. A. Bedford, C.M.G., R.A.M.C., Principal Medical Officer, South China Command, to be a member of the Sanitary Board, *vice* Lieutenant-Colonel J. M. Reid, R.A.M.C., resigned, with effect from the 19th instant.

This first Imperial commissary on the board of control of the Colonial Institute at Hamburg will be Dr. Kobner, one of the senior officials in the office of the Imperial Marine. For the last eight years Dr. Kobner has been in charge of the affairs of Kiao-chao, which is administered by the Navy Department.

THIS death took place by drowning at Haikow on the 17th inst. of M. Devereux of the I. M. Customs. The deceased was very near sighted and while walking near the race course he is supposed to have fallen into a deep pond and was drowned. The body was later recovered and an inquest was held. The deceased was well known at several ports.

WITHIN the last two or three weeks American money to the amount of ¥600,000 has been exchanged by the Yokohama Specie Bank, ¥500,000 being in gold and the remainder in silver and notes. It is assumed that this sum represents the amount of money spent by the American sailors in Yokohama and Tokyo during the visit of the American Fleet.

WE are officially informed that next Wednesday, the 2nd of December, the Austro-Hungarian Consulate will be closed. Consul and Mrs. von Wiser will receive their friends at home on Wednesday afternoon in honour of the sixtieth anniversary of the accession to the Throne of the Ruler of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy, Emperor Francis Joseph the First.

QUERER things find their way to the auction room. A few days ago an auctioneer announced "Lot 16, Tibetan Bone Apron." This apron was made of human bones, and was brought by the owner from the Samding Monastery in Tibet, situated on the shores of Lake Yamdok Tsé, the highest in the world (15,600 ft. above sea level). This monastery is one of the largest in Tibet. Bone aprons are very rare even in Tibet. The specimen realised £31 10s.

By kind permission of Major E. I. R. Chitty and the Officers of the 40th M.L.I. Regiment, the Band will play on Monday night, the following programme, at the Kowloon Hotel:—
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Telegrams.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

AN ACT OF COURTESY.

DEFERENCE TO EMPRESS DOWAGER.

[By courtesy of the "Shung Po"]

Peking, 27th November.

The Prince Regent and Grand Councillors have twice entreated the Dowager-Empress to administer the affairs of State.

Her Majesty has declined to accede to the request.

PRINCE CHING.

RESIGNS ALL OFFICES.

[By courtesy of the "Shung Po"]

Peking, 27th November.

Alleging old age, Prince Ching has resigned all his various offices. The Prince Regent, however, earnestly urges him not to go into retirement.

Prince Ching has so far been prevailed that he has consented to retain his posts with the exception of that of Inspector-General of the Military Forces.

[Reuters.]

The French Navy.

London, 26th November.

During the discussion of the French Navy estimates in the Chamber, Mr. Picard was cheered for a speech forecasting reforms in the administration and an improvement in the artillery of the navy.

Lord Robert's Speech.

The discussion on the debate in the House of Lords continues briskly in Germany and numerous technical articles by military experts, giving varying opinions about the feasibility of the invasion of Great Britain, have appeared.

Death of a Japanese Minister.

The Japanese Minister to Spain has died at San Sebastian.

Later.

Russia.

The Government has introduced a Bill in the Duma, authorising a loan of 450,000,000 roubles, the Bill to be discussed with closed doors.

Austria and Turkey.

Unless the Turkish boycott of Austrian goods ceases before the 2nd prox. the Austrian Ambassador will quit Constantinople on a prolonged holiday.

France.

The French Army Committee has adopted the Government's proposal to increase the number of artillery regiments from 40 to 64, and batteries from 566 to 634, giving each army corps 120 guns instead of 92.

FOREIGN INSURANCE COMPANIES IN CHINA.

It is reported that a certain Censor has memorialized the Throne to instruct the Wai-wu-pu to negotiate with the Diplomatic Corps for the formulation of the following rules in regard to foreign insurance companies in China:—1, that foreign insurance companies shall not issue a policy outside the limits of the Settlements and Treaty Ports; 2, that in the event of a policy being taken out in violation of Rule 1 and 2, differences arising between the insurers and the assured, those differences shall be settled by the parties without having recourse to local Courts; and 3, that the Life Insurance Companies shall not interfere with the litigation of the Chinese on the ground that one or both of the litigants have insured their life with them.—*Shanghai Times*.

SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL WALKING MATCH.

The following are the teams selected to compete in the International Walking Match at Shanghai:—
English.—W. S. Featherstonhaugh, A. E. Cornish, J. S. D. Wade, N. Webb. Reserve: J. L. Wade.
Irish.—V. Davies, P. J. Dunne, Con. Hamilton, C. McGuire. Reserve: John Hamilton, S. C. Young.
Chinese.—C. F. Wang, Yu Ling Shen, Ying Tung No, C. L. Wang.
Portuguese.—A. Colloco, C. Colloco, M. Colloco, A. Dignis, Jr. Reserve: F. D. Guedes.
German.—R. Bahlmann, P. E. F. Holpeler, H. Luennels, F. Martin. Reserve: C. Floeck, Dr. C. Fennrich, K. Zimmer.
French.—M. Alexandre, W. A. Brin, J. Dobas, J. Glis.
Scottish.—G. Birnie, J. Goodfellow, W. White, Kay, T. Mackenzie. Reserve: J. A. Mackenzie, A. A. Whyte.
Individuals.—Amar Singh, J. Nobbi, B. Russell, Y. Testa, A. R. Moore, P. J. Williams, J. Benavides, G. Fennrich.

CATTLE DISEASE IN HONGKONG.

OUTBREAK OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

A special meeting of the Sanitary Board was held at the offices of the Board at 12.15 this afternoon, when the following letter from Mr. Adam Gibson, the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, was laid on the table:—

Sanitary Board Office,
28th November, 1908.

Sir,—I have the honour to report for the information of the Board that foot and mouth disease exists at No. 9 shed, Sassoon's Villa, Pokfulam Road.

The shed contains fifteen cows and three of them yesterday were suffering from the disease. I beg therefore to recommend that the shed be declared an infected area under Section 12 of the Importation and Inspection of Animals Bye-law of Ordinance 1 of 1903-1908.—I have, etc.,

ADAM GIBSON.
The Secretary,
Sanitary Board.

The meeting declared the shed in question to be an infected area.

A YOUTH'S RASHNESS.

SEQUEL TO CAUSEWAY RAY DISTURBANCE.

With regard to the fracas which took place on Tuesday night at that beloved haunt of the coolies—Causeway Bay—full particulars of which we published in our last issue, sentence was passed on the young hopeful, who was the chief figure in the disturbance, at the Police Court this morning. The young man in question is a Hak-ka about ten years of age, and he was placed in the dock for the extremely 'dignified' conduct of assaulting a Cantonese woman.

The story, briefly explained, is this. The woman, who keeps a private lodging-house, was disturbed from her usual composure on the night in question by a great noise outside her house, and, running to the door, saw a crowd of Hak-ka, numbering some fifty odd; pursuing one of her lodgers—who, by the way, is a Cantonese—for all they were worth. She asked the man what they were up to. The defendant thought this was too much for his dignity. Up went his temper and down came his arm, which would not have mattered so much had there not been an iron bar in his hand. This appeased the rowdies somewhat and they retired without further trouble.

This morning, Mr. J. R. Ward, the presiding magistrate, sentenced the defendant to three months' hard labour. It is doubtful whether the youth will ever again raise his hand on a woman after he has completed his contract with the Government.

OPIUM IN CALCUTTA.

UNSATISFACTORY POSITION.

It appears that there has been an enormous increase in the consumption of opium in Calcutta during the official year 1907-8, but this does not mean that the drug has become more popular locally. It is found in order that it may be smuggled to Burma, the profits being so great that Rs. 25 can be netted on each pound. If, then, 10 or 15 maunds can be "run" by a smuggler during the year his profits will vary between Rs. 20,000 and Rs. 30,000.

The Superintendent of Excise Revenue, Calcutta, believes that there are men possessed of extreme cunning and powers of organisation who are working on a grand scale. They obtain only a part of their supplies in Calcutta itself, going further afield into the United Provinces, Rampur and Malwa where opium can be bought at cheap rates. If they are checked in one direction by the police they turn to another, for the demand from Burma is an insistent one. There are regular routes by which this illicit trade is conducted; one through Chittagong to Arracan and another to Rangoon direct. The authorities only know of a certain number of the transactions by the seizures made of the drug, and it is calculated that the figures must be multiplied tenfold to obtain even an approximate idea of the full extent of the operations. So far all the measures taken to stop the smuggling have been ineffective, and the Excise Department is still striving to find some means for checking the organised gangs. There does not seem much chance of success, however, for the smugglers can afford to pay large sums to all who help them. As to opium-smoking in Bengal itself, the practice is widely prevalent, but is not on the increase except in Calcutta and Orissa. In Calcutta the opium dens continue to flourish: they are now called clubs, are in places difficult of access, and only admit known and trusted customers. It is said that "the consequence is that opium-smoking is more freely indulged in than when the premises were under Government control; the smoker gets his materials at nominal prices and is unrestricted, and Government sacrifices considerable revenue." The policy which abolished all State control has evidently not been a success; but anti-opiumists would none the less be furious if Government were to attempt to revert to the old conditions. All the same, the position is as unsatisfactory a one as can be imagined.—*Advocate of India*.

LAST week the board of directors of the Japan-China Steamship Company, which has a service of steamers on the Yangtze, held a meeting to consider the accounts for the last half-year, when it was proposed not to distribute any dividend for the period. However, Mr. Nakabishi (President of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha), who represented the Osaka shareholders, urged that a dividend should be paid, and his view prevailed. The accounts, which are to be laid before the general meeting called for the 23rd instant show that the net profit of the company for the period amounted to ¥13,000, including a surplus of ¥1,200 brought over. Of this sum ¥1,200 will be distributed as a dividend at the rate of 2 per cent per annum; ¥5,000 will be placed to the reserve, and the balance carried forward.

COMMERCIAL.

WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Reviewing the share business for the week, Messrs. E. S. Kadoorie & Co. write on 27th inst.:—

A quiet week has passed, and business has been confined to a few stocks, but rates generally show a hardening tendency. Banks.—In Hongkong and Shanghai Banks the upward movement has been maintained, and after sales at rising rates from \$830, close strong, and with buyers at \$845. The London rate has improved to £82.15/-.

Marine Insurance.—A decided firmness has prevailed in these stocks, all of which are in demand. Canions have improved and are wanted at \$190, after sales at \$185 rate. North China has buyers in the North at \$15.90 while Union, in response to an unsatisfied demand, have advanced to \$800 at which rate a few shares have been sold. Yangtze continues firm at \$167.

Fire Insurance.—China Fires have improved and are required for at \$102.—Hongkong Fires are unchanged at \$130.

Shipping.—China and Manilla have weakened slightly to \$14. Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have buyers at \$29 and Douglas at \$33. Indos continue out of favour and are quoted at \$37 and \$17 for the preferred and deferred shares respectively. Star Ferries old have been placed at \$24 and the new shares at \$15.

Refineries.—A slightly firmer tendency is apparent in China Sugars which have been sold at \$11.4. Perak Sugars have advanced to \$15.90. Luzon are offering at \$30.

Mining.—Raub has been the medium of a fair business at \$7, while sales have also taken place at \$7. Chinese Engineerings have strengthened to \$13.5 with buyers. Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Kowloon Wharves are quiet, and obtainable at \$45. Hongkong and Whampoa Docks can be had at \$92. Shanghai Docks have suffered a further decline to \$12.72 at which rate there are buyers. Hongkong Wharves have receded to \$14.3, and sellers prevail.

Land, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Hotels are firm with buyers at \$30. Humphreys Estates have changed hands at \$94. Hongkong Lands are offering at \$93. Kowloon Lands and West Point, are steady at \$30 and \$40 respectively. Shanghai Lands have buyers at \$11.61.

Cotton Mills.—Ewos have been sold in the North at \$15.67. Internationals have receded to \$15.6, and Lau Kuang Mows to \$12.72. Hongkong Cottons have sellers at \$102.

Miscellaneous.—Crown Borneos have changed hands at \$12. China Providents continue firm and can be placed at \$34 and Electrics have inquiries at \$16. Light and Powers are quiet at \$5. Green Island Cements at \$10, and Ropes at \$14. Ice is weak at \$230. Wm. Powell have declined to \$4. Watsons are in request at \$9.6, the interim dividend of 30 cents per share paid to-day. Sumatras have slightly weakened and have sellers at \$12.12. Langkats have advanced and sales have been effected at \$15.90.

YARN MARKET.

In their report dated 27th instant, Messrs. Phirozsha B. Petit & Co. write:—

Our last circular was dated the 13th inst. The first half of the interval that has since elapsed saw the Yarn market in a steady condition. Briskness was not to be expected owing to the progress of harvesting operations in the interior which has restricted business to comparatively narrow limitations.

When in the early part of the week exchange further declined followed by subsequent drop in silver, importers were confronted with the difficulty of having to raise the dollar value of yarn in order to make good the difference in exchange. On the other hand, Chinese buyers feel their way cautiously and approach importers with hesitancy in meeting the enforced higher prices. As cargoes continue to arrive in fulfillment of past months' forward contracts dealers are operating among themselves with advantage to one another.

Quotations on the whole show an advance over the figures in last mail's circular. The usual favourite spinnings of No. 10, attract the greatest attention and can be disposed of at 50 cents to \$1 over the prices ruling a fortnight ago.

No. 20.—A moderate business transpired in selected threads only.

No. 16.—Nothing doing.

No. 12.—Some selected threads changed hands at a trifle better price.

No. 10.—In request at an advance of \$1 to \$1 per bale.

No. 8 and 6.—Nothing doing.

The Market closes steady.

Sales:—2,450 bales of No. 10, 600 bales of No. 12, and 700 bales of No. 20; in all about 3,750 bales.

Arrivals:—Per steamers Namsang and Kum-sang (from Calcutta), and F. Ferdinand and Devasha (from Bombay), of about 8,000 bales.

Unsold Stock:—About 6,000 bales.

Uncleared Stock:—About 16,000 bales.

Exchange:—We quote to-day as follows:—

India T. T. At Rs. 127 1/2 per cent.
Demand " " 128
London T. T. " Sh. 8 1/4 = \$
Demand " " 8 5/16 = \$
Shanghai " " 11 1/2 = \$100.
Silver " " 72 1/2 per oz.

THE adoption of Western civilisation would secure China but one advantage: it would give us a Navy and an Army capable of realising the dream of all of us—to turn you out of our country. The day we hunt you out of our land—you, your ministers, your missionaries of all denominations, your innovations, and your abuses—a great cry of relief and of joy will go up from the land "between the four seas"—Yen Ching Chuo, in *La Revue Générale*, Brussels.

To-day's Advertisement.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, ON SATURDAY AND MONDAY, the 28th and 29th December, 1908, commencing each day at 2.30 P.M., at their Sales Rooms No. 8, Des Voeux Road, corner of Ice House Street, A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF JAPANESE CURIOS, Comprising:—

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Catalogues will be issued. TERMS:—As usual. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers, Hongkong, 28th November, 1908. [1039]

CHINA'S SORROW.

MOURNING IN JAPAN.

Tokio, Nov. 21. The Emperor of Japan, who returned to Tokio yesterday, has announced to-day that the Court will go into mourning for twenty-one days from this date. The rare tribute is a striking testimony of the Imperial wishes for closer friendship between China and Japan. The Emperor and Empress have dispatched Prince Kanin and Princess Higashi Fushimi, respectively, as representatives at the Memorial service which is to be held at the Chinese Legation to-day.—*N. C. D. News*.

THE CHINESE THRONE.

COOLIES CREATE BIG DISTURBANCE IN SINGAPORE.

China town presents a deserted appearance to-day as most of the shops and business houses are closed in consequence of the Chinese community being in mourning for the late Emperor and Empress Dowager, reports the *Straits Times* of 19th inst.

Customs associated with such occasions are being observed strictly in private houses and also at the Chinese Consulate. Many rich and coolies are not plying for hire and even some of the street hawkers are refraining from business.

The general idleness among the Chinese in Singapore, to-day, is leading to trouble for the police, the crowds in many parts of the town showing a disposition to be mischievous. About three hundred coolies began to molest and rob hawkers and to stone trams, in South Bridge Road this morning.

P. C. Blyton hurried to the scene, and attempted to scatter the mob with a broom, which he wielded with considerable effect till he received a blow on the leg, which crippled him. Several arrests were made and the throng finally scattered. The Chinese Consulate, Bras Basah Road, was besieged by throngs of Chinese of the better class, this morning, all attired in white, to pay respects to the Consul-General and express their grief at the demise of the Emperor and Empress Dowager.

The throng of vehicles of every description completely stopped traffic for a time, even the trams finding it impossible to get through. The lads of a Chinese school, all in khaki uniform, were seen marching through town this morning, with banners at their head. Each lad had a band of black about his left arm. Their masters, who marched by their side, were in white mourning in accordance with Chinese custom.

FREE FIGHT AMONG CHINESE.

Eight Teochews were arrested in North Boat Quay, yesterday afternoon, from among a throng of over two hundred, who were engaged in a free fight. They appeared before the Third Magistrate, this morning, on a charge of rioting.

No evidence was given as to the cause of the disturbance, but bystanders state that it arose over the refusal of sundry traders to cease work and thereby show their respect for the deceased Emperor and Empress Dowager of China, as most Chinese are doing.

The Magistrate reserved his decision till this afternoon. Another version of the affair is that the riot began by a concerted attack upon two shops in Temple Street, just off South Bridge Road, kept by Cantonese Christians, because they had not closed their shops. Twenty arrests were made.

20th November.

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS RAISED FOR DEFENCE.

Twenty Chinese were before the Third Magistrate, Mr. Maurice Thondor, this morning, on charges of rioting in Temple Street at 7.30 a.m. yesterday, and mischief in causing damage to the amount of \$13 to the property of Hoh Sam Tin. Three of them were also charged with voluntarily causing harm to P.C. Blyton. The hearing of the charges was postponed till Thursday next, at 11.30 a.m.

The three who were charged with assaulting P. C. Blyton were asked to furnish bail in the sum of \$400 each; the other seventeen, \$100 each.

It is said that a subscription of \$10,000 was raised in five hours, yesterday, for the defence of the accused, the local Chinese community feeling very strongly that they were justified in using force to compel Hoh Sam Tin to close his shop. Singapore was flooded with handbills, last night, in Chinese, stating that there was no cause for mourning, as the deceased rulers of China were not Chinese but Manchus. All true Chinese, they stated, should rejoice rather than mourn.

To-day's Advertisement.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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TERMS:—As usual. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers, Hongkong, 28th November, 1908. [1028]

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THE Company's Steamship "HAIYANG,"

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For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARPAIK & CO., General Managers, Hongkong, 28th November, 1908. [1026]

HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 850.

IT is hereby notified that information has been received from the Military Authorities that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out as under:—
The practice notified in Government Notification No. 825 for the 30th November is hereby cancelled.

On TUESDAY, the 1st December:—
From Pakshawan in a North-Easterly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 6.30 P.M., and finishing at 10 P.M.

On WEDNESDAY, the 2nd December:—
From Saiwan in a North-Easterly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 5.30 P.M., and finishing at 10 P.M.

On THURSDAY, the 3rd December:—
From Stonecutters (West) in a North-Westerly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 9.30 A.M., and finishing at 12 Noon.
From Stonecutters in a North-Westerly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 5.30 P.M., and finishing at 10 P.M.

On FRIDAY, the 4th December:—
From L. Belchers in a Westerly direction, at ranges up to 8,000 yards, commencing at 9.30 A.M., and finishing at 12 Noon.
On MONDAY, the 7th December:—
From Central in a South-Westerly direction, at ranges up to 10,000 yards, commencing at 10 A.M., and finishing at 12 Noon.

On WEDNESDAY, the 9th December:—
From L. Belchers in a North-Westerly direction, at ranges up to 8,000 yards, commencing at 9.30 A.M., and finishing at 12 Noon.
From Stonecutters (East) in a Westerly direction, at ranges up to 10,000 yards, commencing at 11.30 A.M., and finishing at 1 P.M.

On THURSDAY, the 10th December:—
From Stonecutters (Central) in a North-Westerly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 6.30 P.M., and finishing at 10 P.M.

If the weather is unfavourable on any of the above dates, practice will take place on the following day.

All ships, junks and other vessels are to keep clear of the ranges.

C. W. BECKWITH, Lieutenant, R.N., Harbour Master, &c. Hongkong, 28th November, 1908. [1027]

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Further particulars from THE ORGANISING SECRETARY, 84, Piccadilly, W. London, 19th August, 1908. [769]

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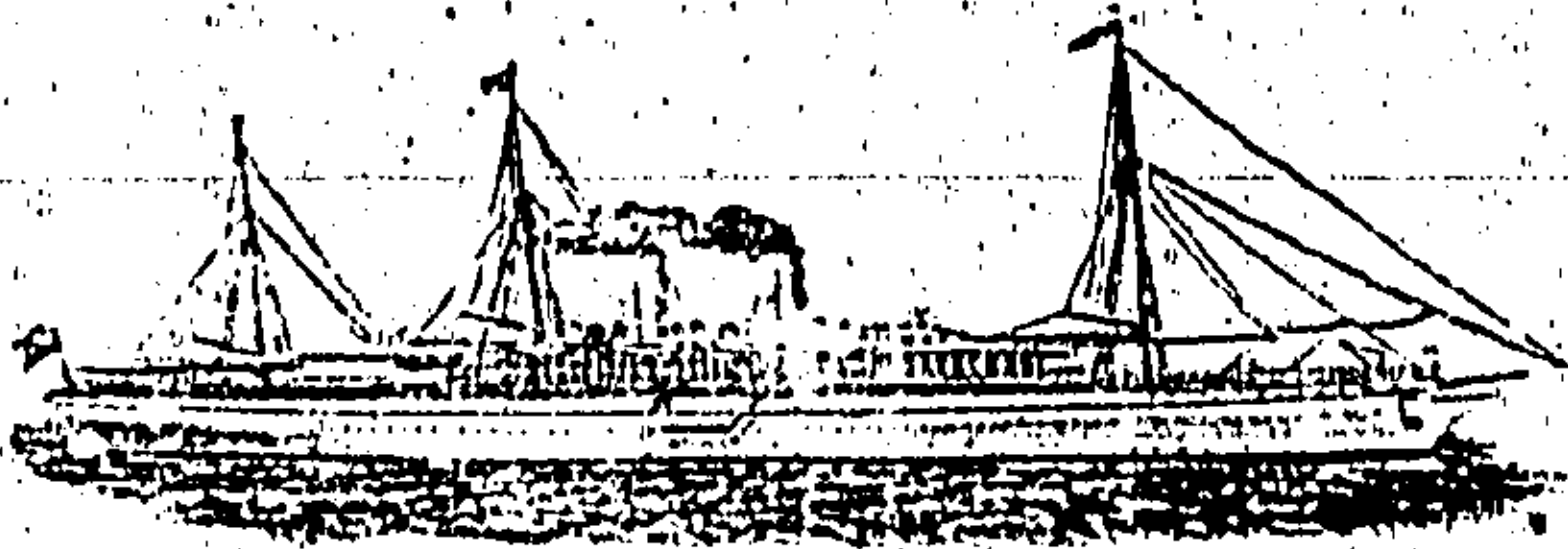
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For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LD., General Managers.

Telephone No. 61. Hongkong, 28th November, 1908.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMSHIP	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"YUENHANG"	29th Nov., Daylight.
AMOI & CHINKIANG	"YUNNAN"	30th " 4 P.M.
TSINGTAU	"CHINKIANG"	30th " "
ILOILO VIA AMOI, MANILA & CEBU	"SUNGKIANG"	1st Dec., 9 A.M.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"HUPEH"	2nd " "
MANILA	"TEAN"	2nd " 4 P.M.
CEBU & ILOILO	"HUGHOW"	3rd " "
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA and USUAL	"TAIYUAN"	18th " "

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MANILA and TIENTSIN STEAMERS have superior Passenger accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the Staterooms and Dining Saloons.

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SHANGHAI STEAMERS have good Saloon Passenger accommodation and take cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

Reduced Saloon Fares, Single and Return, to Manila and Australia.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.

Telephone No. 36. Hongkong, 28th November, 1908.

HONGKONG—MANILA.

Highest Class, swiftest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manila.—Saloon midships—Electric Light—Perfect Cuisine—Surgeon and Stewardess carried.—All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.

CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship.	Tons.	Captain.	For	Sailing Date.
LAIRO	2540	R. Rodger	MANILA	SATURDAY, 5th Dec., at Noon.
RUBI	2540	Almond	MANILA	SATURDAY, 12th Dec., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN TOMES & CO., GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 28th November, 1908.

Shipping—Steamers.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOI AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAICHING."

Captain Passmore, will be despatched for the above Ports, on TUESDAY, the 1st Dec. at 11 o'clock A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARPAK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 25th November, 1908. [1020]

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK.

VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL, (With Liberty to Call at Malabar Coast.)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FOR NEW YORK: S.S. "WRAY CASTLE" 3rd Dec.

For Freight and further information, apply to DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1908. [820]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LTD.

FOR LONDON, HAMBURG AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"DENBIGHSHIRE"

will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 5th December, 1908.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 26th December, 1908. [1023]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at Port Darwin and Queensland Ports, and taking through Cargo to Adelaide, New Zealand, Tasmania, &c.)

THE Steamship

"ALDENHAM,"

Captain St. John George, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 10th December, at Noon.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

The Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of passengers the steamers of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 20th November, 1908. [1005]

THE AMERICAN AND ORIENTAL LINE.

FOR BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

(With liberty to call at the Malabar Coast.)

THE Steamship

"TUDOR PRINCE,"

Captain Macdonald, will be despatched for the above Ports, on or about SATURDAY, the 12th December, 1908.

For Freight, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBURG & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 11th November, 1908. [981]

NORTHERN PACIFIC LINE

Connecting at Tacoma with NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Overland Common Points in the United States of America and Canada, and also for the principal ports in Mexico, and Central and South America.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA, WASH.

VIA MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamer Tons. Captain. To Sail

Kumuri 6,232 Cowley Dec. 17

Invincible 4,789 Boyd Jan. 14

Bouris 4,445 Mathie Feb. 11

These steamers are specially fitted for the carriage of Asiatic Steamer passengers.

PARCEL EXPRESS TO THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

For further information, apply to DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents.

Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, 10th October, 1908. [10-10]

STREAM-TO CANTON.

THE New Twin Screw Steel Steamers

"KWONG TUNG" Capt. E. W. WALKER.

"KWONG SAI" Capt. R. S. CROW.

Leave Hongkong for Canton at 9 every evening, (Saturday excepted).

Leave Canton for Hongkong at 5.30 every evening, (Sunday excepted).

These Fine New Steamers have unexcelled accommodation for First Class Passengers and are lit throughout by Electricity. Electric Fans in First Class Cabin.

Passage Fare—Single Journey—\$4.

Meals—\$1.25 each.

The Company's Wharf is situated in front of the New Western Market, opposite the old Harbour Office.

YUEN ON S.S. CO., LD.,

SHIU ON S.S. CO., LD.,

No. 8, Queen's Road West.

Hongkong, 24th Nov. 1908.

Consignees.

S.S. "DUMBEA."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex

s.s. *Charente* and *Cordouan*, from Barcelona ex s.s. *Tona del Oro*, and from Bordeaux ex s.s. *Leroy Lallier*, in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 7 P.M. TO-DAY, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 30th November, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 30th November, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 30th November, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. NALIN, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 23rd November, 1908. [1018]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM HAMBURG, MIDDLESBOROUGH, LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"CARDIGANSHIRE,"

Captain W. O. Tyers, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on MONDAY, 30th instant, at 3 P.M.

All Claims must be presented within fifteen days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be admitted.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 30th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd November, 1908. [1015]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENMOHR."

FROM LEITH, ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd prox. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 9th prox., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 2nd prox., at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 26th November, 1908. [1013]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"KUMSANG,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo, impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M. the 28th inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD., General Managers.

Hongkong, 26th November, 1908. [1010]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"OCEANA."

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—From London, &c., ex S.S. *Mongolia*. From Persian Gulf, ex B.I.S.N. and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 2nd December, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 26th November, 1908.

THE JAPAN-CHINA RAILWAY AGREEMENT.

HSINMIN-TUNG-FAKUMEN LINE NOT INCLUDED.

CURIOUS TELEGRAPH ERROR.

The Japan Chronicle of 15th Nov. says:—As reported in our columns yesterday, an agreement relating to railways in Manchuria has been signed in Peking by Mr. Abe, Secretary in the Japanese Legation, and Mr. Liang, of the Chinese Post Office Department. According to the dispatch it appeared that the agreement sanctioned the construction of the Haimintun-Fakumen line, thus settling a question which has long been a bone of contention between China and Japan. We are now informed that this announcement is incorrect, the line to be constructed being the Haimintun-Mukden line, which has not been a source of dispute. The mistake arose from the inability of the telegraph to transmit Chinese names accurately by Japanese kana. In this case the word *Shin-ho* was transmitted, which is the Japanese reading of the initial characters representing the names Haimintun and Fakumen, but *ho* happens to be the reading of the initial character representing Mukden also. The receiver of the message, not thinking of this, naturally assumed that the word referred to the undertaking which has been so prominent, and registered it accordingly.

Further details of the agreement are now to hand. The document is stated to form a special protocol to the agreement signed in April last year relating to the Haimintun-Mukden and Kirin-Changchung railways. The substance of the new protocol reads as follows:—

(1) The Chinese Government agrees to borrow from the South Manchurian Railway Company ¥30,000 in Japanese money, which represents half the amount of the fund required for the construction of the section of the Peking-Mukden Railway east of the River, and ¥2,150,000, being half the amount required for the construction of the Kirin-Changchung Railway.

(2) The interest on the loans in the preceding article shall be 5 per cent. per annum.

(3) The actual amount receivable by China shall be ¥93 per ¥100.

(4) A Japanese shall be appointed Chief Engineer for the Peking-Mukden line to the east of the Liao River. At first a Japanese engineer working on the Peking-Mukden Railway shall be appointed to the post.

(5) It being difficult to keep separate accounts for the section of the Peking-Mukden Railway east of the Liao River, the Japanese Government agrees not to appoint a Japanese as Chief Accountant for the section of the line in question. Instead of this arrangement, the monthly instalment repayable of the principal and interest on the loan shall be regarded as the monthly net profit of the line east of the Liao River, and this is to be deposited in a Japanese bank each month.

(6) The Chinese Government shall nominate a Japanese who shall be considered suitable for the post of Superintendent Engineer on the Changchung-Kirin line, and on consultation with the South Manchurian Railway Company the Engineer so nominated by the Chinese Government shall be appointed to the post.

(7) The minor details of the loans shall be arranged apart from this protocol, between the South Manchurian Railway Company and the representative of the Chinese Post Office Department, according to the Agreement of April last year.

(8) The approval of the Governments of the two countries shall be obtained before the agreement goes into effect. It is understood that the construction of the Changchung-Kirin Railway will be undertaken by the South Manchurian Railway Company, and that the work of construction will be taken in hand early next year.

THE SIBERIAN RAILWAY.

IMPROVED FACILITIES FOR TRAVELLERS.

We are informed by the Agents of The Great Trans-Siberian Route at Kobe, Messrs. Samuel Samuel & Co., Ltd., that as a result of the conferences and negotiations between the international Sleeping Car Company and the various railway and steamship lines concerned, during the past year, special arrangements have now been made and are being put into effect, whereby travellers will be able to secure direct connections and tickets from any of the principal points in the Far East, through to the principal points in Europe and to America, via the Trans-Siberian route, and registered baggage will be checked through direct from Shanghai, Nagasaki or Tsuruga, to the ticket destination in Europe, in bond, with examination only at the Custom House on the frontier of the country to which it is registered, thus avoiding any re-checking or examination at intermediate points.

Special ticket-books will shortly be issued, containing coupon tickets for each separate section of the entire journey, by any of the various routes in connection with the Trans-Siberian line to Europe and also for single or circular local tours covering all the principal places of interest in Japan, China, Korea, Manchuria, Siberia and the Far East generally. This will be a distinctly new feature and of great convenience for all travellers, both to Europe and locally in the Far East.

The connections with Vladivostok are:—To Europe:—Leave Tsuruga 5.00 p.m. on Fridays, Sundays and Wednesdays; arrive Vladivostok 11.00 a.m. on Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays, connecting with "International" train on Mondays for Moscow; the "State" train on Wednesdays for Moscow; and the "State" train on Saturdays for St. Petersburg.

From Europe:—Arrive Vladivostok 9.20 a.m. on Sundays and Thursdays from Moscow; Saturdays from St. Petersburg; connecting with vessels leaving Vladivostok at a p.m. on Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays, arriving at Tsuruga 6 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.—Japan Chronicle

A high-contrast, black and white image showing a dense, textured surface, possibly a wall or a large number of small objects, with a dark, irregular shape in the lower right corner.

